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Indiana State Immunization Conference

The Indiana Immunization Coalition is co-sponsoring the Indiana Immunization Conference with ISDH. The annual event provides educational opportunities for over 2,500 immunization providers throughout Indiana. The conference will be held October 16th and 17th at the Adams Mark Hotel, 2455 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

We would like to extend an opportunity to your organization to provide an exhibit at this conference. As an exhibitor you are provided a table, listing in the program acknowledging your participation and most importantly an opportunity to interact with program attendees.

The conference is being conducted at a central location for ease of travel and at no cost to the attendees. Breaking down barriers of cost and access, we are able to reach a wider audience and provide the most up-to-date immunization information. Health care providers and local health departments, as well as some extraordinary individuals and programs, are honored with awards from the Coalition and from ISDH for their achievements in immunization. The outcome is a stronger immunization program and a healthier Indiana.

We hope that you choose to make an investment in a healthier Indiana by participating as an exhibitor. For further information please contact Kelly Zachrich at 260-424-7468.

The conference will be presented twice – once on October 16 and again on October 17. Please register for one day only through the following website:

http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/immunization/ImmunizationNewsandEvents/awards_reg_form.htm

If you have registered but have not received a confirmation within 3 working days, please contact Robert Bruce Scott at rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov.

VFC Ordering Update

Please remember to order Gardasil only on the Gardasil order form. Call Judy or Laura at 800 701-0704 to request one. Please keep several copies on hand. Gardasil added on a regular order form will not be shipped.

Please adhere to the ordering cycle:

- Monthly & As-Is *may order monthly*
- Bi-Monthly *may order in January, March, May, July, September, November*
- Quarterly *may order in February, May, August, November*

Please note that Tally Sheets and Vaccine Order Forms go to separate fax numbers as follows:

Tally Sheet to 317-234-3163

Tally sheet should be faxed at end of each month.

Vaccine orders to 317-233-3719

Orders faxed from 25th to 5th of month of your ordering cycle.

Influenza Clinic Locator

The American Lung Association (ALA) provides an on-line Influenza Clinic Locator to help the public find flu shots in their area. If you want to list your public clinic on this site as a flu clinic, go to the following website: <http://www.lungusa.org/>.

Here is the direct link for clinics wanting to be listed on the ALA Influenza Clinic Locator:

<http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=aqKGLXOAIH&b=3090427>.

The Locator is closed during August and September while ALA loads new clinics into their system. Once the Locator opens, ISDH Immunization will add a link to the ALA Influenza Clinic Locator to the Immunization home page.

Influenza Vaccine Ordering Update

CDC has advised the Indiana Immunization Program that the initial shipment of influenza vaccine for the 2007-2008 influenza season is now available for distribution to Indiana VFC providers.

Influenza vaccine will be distributed to our VFC providers as it is made available by the manufacturers to the McKesson vaccine shipping facility.

6,470 doses of Sanofi Pasteur's **Fluzone** vaccine in the 10 dose vial are now available for immediate distribution. Orders for this shipment will be submitted to CDC on September 14, 2007.

In order to ensure that all providers receive an equitable share of the available influenza vaccine, providers will receive their requested order of the influenza vaccine in full, if available supplies allow, or, an equal percentage of their requested order, if orders for specific formulations exceed the allocated supply.

Influenza vaccine distribution will be based on the following prioritization:

1. Providers who submitted “Pre-Booking” vaccine orders by May 11, 2007.
2. Providers who submitted influenza vaccine orders after the May 11, 2007 pre-Booking deadline, in order of the date received.

It is anticipated that Indiana will receive enough influenza vaccine to ensure that all providers receive a majority of the influenza vaccine ordered for their patients. However, please be advised that requests for some formulations of the vaccine will exceed the actual number of doses the Indiana Immunization Program will receive. Substitutions will be necessary in order to fill all of the requested orders. VFC staff will contact providers prior to making any substitutions of vaccine formulations. Providers will be given the choice of accepting the substitution or declining the remainder of that specific vaccine formulation order.

While providers may conduct any type of influenza clinic that they choose, all VFC providers who receive federally or state purchased influenza vaccine must determine VFC eligibility of recipients and submit an approved vaccine doses administration report (e.g., either through the CHIRP registry or on the state doses administered report form – “Tally Sheet”) to the ISDH, Immunization Program. Tally Sheets should be faxed to 317-234-3163 by the end of each month.

New Temperature Monitors

McKesson will be switching their temperature monitors in the provider shipments to two chemical based products, one for warm monitoring and one for freeze monitoring. The products they will be using are:

Monitor Mark: to measure exposure to warm temperatures

ColdMark: to measure exposure to freeze.

McKesson will switch to the new monitors as soon as their current inventory of electronic monitors runs out (estimated about 2 weeks.) At this point, McKesson is planning to have one warm monitor and one freeze monitor placed side-by-side on a card with instructions for interpreting the results

Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:
Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.